

Lady Arrows Suffer Second Loss

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The Tecumseh Lady Arrow Soccer Team suffered their second loss of the season by a 6-3 margin in a very physical game against the Greenon Lady Knights on Wednesday. Greenon showed why it is one of the top teams in the area as they applied unrelenting pressure on the Arrow defense throughout the match. Tecumseh gave up an early goal off a long shot from 25 yards out on the right that was mishandled for a 1-0 lead. The Arrows came storming back less than a minute later however as Jessica Boggs delivered a wonderful square ball across the mouth of the goal from the left side that Nicole Snyder tapped in for a 1-1 tie. Tecumseh scored again to take their only lead of the night as Guadalupe Mendoza sent a long thru ball to Jessica Boggs who finished for a 2-1 lead at 28:20. That lead was shortlived as Ally Lloyd scored off a pass from Katie Collins to knot the score at 2-2. Back came the Knights again as Collins found Lauren Strickland for the first of her two goals for a 3-2 lead. At that point it appeared as if Greenon took control of the game as the physical play continued. The Knight had 9 fouls to the Arrows 1 in the first half. The Knights did a good job of securing the midfield and continued to launch their aerial assault as they made long attacking passes into the final third that put a lot of pressure on the Arrow defense. As time was running out in the half Tecumseh surged one last time as Snyder scored her second goal on a pass from Casey Cope to tie the game for a third time at 3-3.

For the half the Arrows had 59 intercepts and won 13 of 25 50/50 balls. They were outshot 9-3. Coach Jim Paxton was very pleased with the team's efforts thus far but stressed that it was going to be a physical battle until the end and that the team needed to play hard every minute of the half and match the intensity that Greenon brought to the game.

The second half started ominously for the Arrows as the Knights scored on a long shot from 40 yards out on the left that passed over the outstretched hands of Kellie Gruber at 37:44 for a 4-3 lead. Greenon again took control of the midfield and limited the Arrows to 5 shots the second half and three of them were high or wide. On the other hand, the shooting barrage continued for the Knights who scored their 5th goal at 16:12 on a shot by Katie Nickels off a 3rd assist by Collins. Greenon scored their last goal on an own goal as a hard struck ground pass from the right side deflected off the back heel of Taylor Thompson for the 6-3 final.

Although the Arrows were upset with the loss, they showed great heart and played with great emotion and courage and to the best of their ability against a good opponent. The defense of Jaela Coffey, Taylor Thompson, Morgan Robinson, and Katelyn Novinger was very strong. Also credit Anna Studebaker, Guadalupe Mendoza and Alysha Benson for good midfield play. Kellie Gruber had 14 saves for the Arrows who return to action next Monday vs Northwestern.